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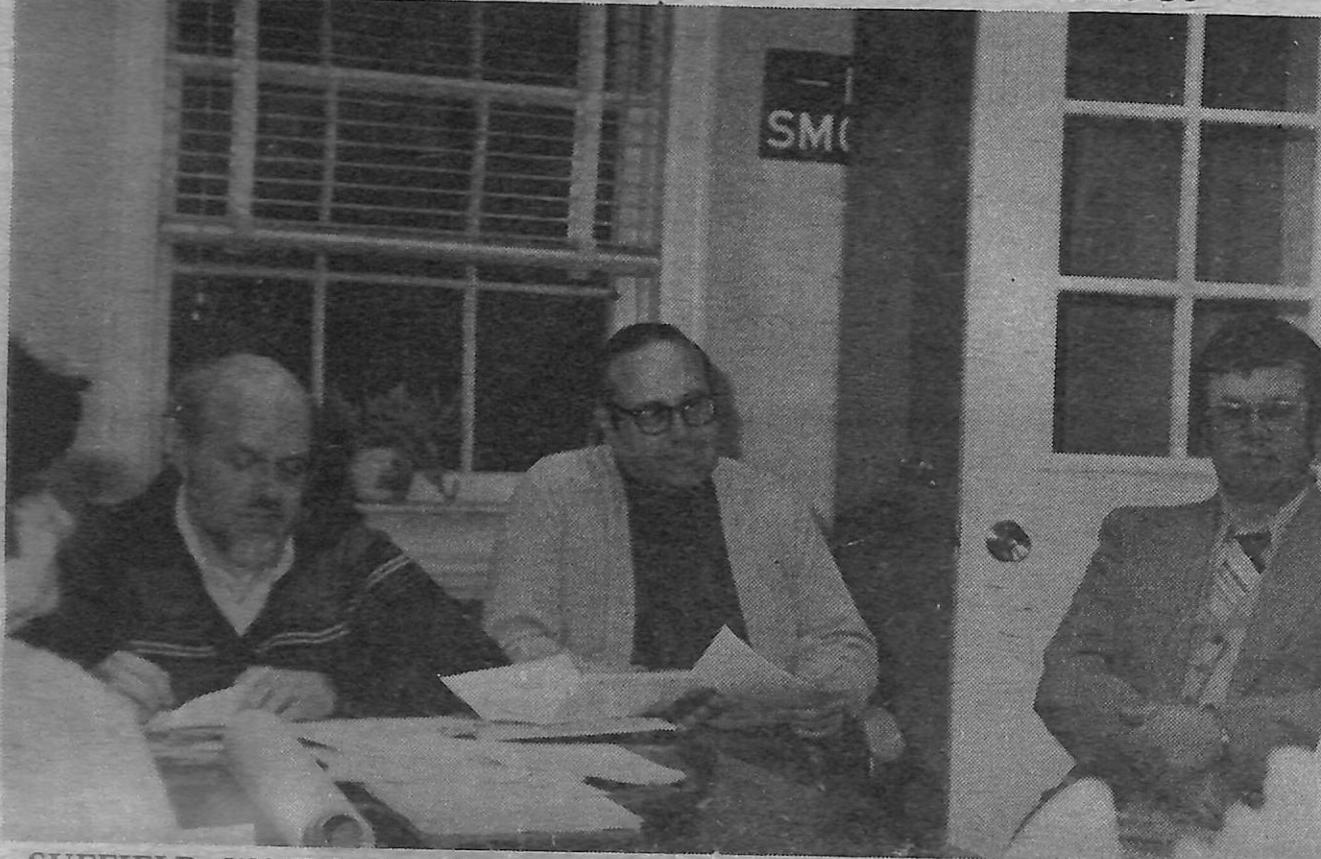
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"Good News Surrounds Us"



SUFFIELD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY decided to fund rehabilitation of Pump Station No. 3. Deliberating the action are Bob Stewart, chairman; Ralph J. Petillo, secretary of the board; and Thomas Kaplan, newly elected member. Photo by Nancy Butler.

Pump Station To Be Repaired

By Connie Davis

Suffield: At a meeting last week, the Water Pollution Control Authority decided to fund rehabilitation of Pump Station No. 3, which is on Mountain Road adjacent to Muddy Brook.

Suffield is eligible for a 30% state grant should they apply, a long, drawn-out process that would take approximately 175 hours to do, according to Paul Barnett, Superintendent of Sewers.

The decision was made to split the job in half between Barnett's department, and Metcalf and Eddy, engineers and planners, who will participate in the technical aspects of the project. Funds will come from the reserve capacity maintenance fund. Work is not to exceed \$4,500 without personnel returning to the WPCA for approval.

Leavitt Ahrens, town insurance agent, spoke concerning the Fixed Asset Inventory. According to Ahrens, equipment within buildings townwide has

never been assessed and properly insured. WPCA, for the balance of the year, needs \$2,300 for insurance to bring it to the level of the appraisal firm's recommendation. The possibility of borrowing through the development fund is being considered, and Barnett will contact the Board of Finance for input.

Michael Harrilchak, representing Waters' Edge Development slated to be built next to Suffield Meadows, explained that sewer plans had been approved by Metcalf and Eddy.

In other business, the commission decided to go out to bid on a new one-ton dump truck. They also set December 9th as the date for a public hearing on the newest sewer assessments for Mather and Suffield Streets.

The commission welcomed the attendance of new member Thomas Kaplan.

Suffield Selectmen Pass Sewer Funding Resolution

By Connie Davis

In a meeting held last Thursday, selectmen approved adoption of a grant resolution of the Farmers' Home Administration in order to receive a grant not to exceed \$330,000 or 75% of the cost of installing the Suffield and Mather Street sanitary sewer.

In other business, Lyle Cate was appointed to a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Fred Mancini, who passed away recently.

The Selectmen welcomed their new member Howard Lloyd to the board. Earl Waterman commended John Wyzik on the excellent job he has done up with the commission. Waterman felt it was a good suggestion and will consider it.

Industrial coordinator, selectmen then discussed broadening the tax base through industrial development.

Ron Birmingham, whose term on the Board of Finance is technically over, is serving as unpaid administrative assistant. He has suggested a townwide central building commission composed of people experienced in various building and construction trades. Anything pertaining to town building would be taken up with the commission. Waterman felt it was a good suggestion and will consider it.

November 14, 1981

Southwick Rejects Regionalization With Tolland

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: After 2½ hours of discussion Thursday night, town meeting members voted down school regionalization with Tolland. Final tally was 89 in favor and 159 against.

James Putnam of the Regional School Study Committee expressed support of the proposal as an alternate source of funding under constraints of Proposition 2½. State aid of approximately \$671,000 would be forthcoming under regionalization.

"For years Southwick schools have acted as a safety valve for Tolland and Granville when those towns had nowhere else to send their students," Putnam said, "and we received no state financial benefits from this."

According to Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn, Southwick would have a larger vote on the regional board because of population distribution. The proposal called for two elected members per town and three members elected at-large by voters from both towns.

Dr. Josselyn pointed out the "unique situation" in Southwick where regionalization could be accomplished without the need for additional construction. In addition, all administrative functions of the present system would remain the same as is currently the case.

Financing of the school system under the proposal would still require approval of local finance committees and town meetings. Transportation costs would be reimbursed 100% by the state.

Dr. Josselyn explained that the state had originally allowed greater funds for regionalization to provide the opportunity for quality education in smaller school districts.

Presenting negative aspects, Josselyn pointed out that people now involved in regional systems felt there was a lack of local control, experienced complications in dealing with several finance committees on the school budget, and felt an emotional loss to the local community.

Selectwoman Vivian Brown related that no official board had expressed unanimous approval for the proposal. Mrs. Brown said that in order to keep expenses within the school system down, Southwick should maintain local control. She questioned why no other areas had opted for "administrative regionalization" when this has been allowed since 1975.

Mrs. Brown referred to statements from State Representative Edward Connelly, who had indicated state aid would not be available to the town until fiscal 1984.

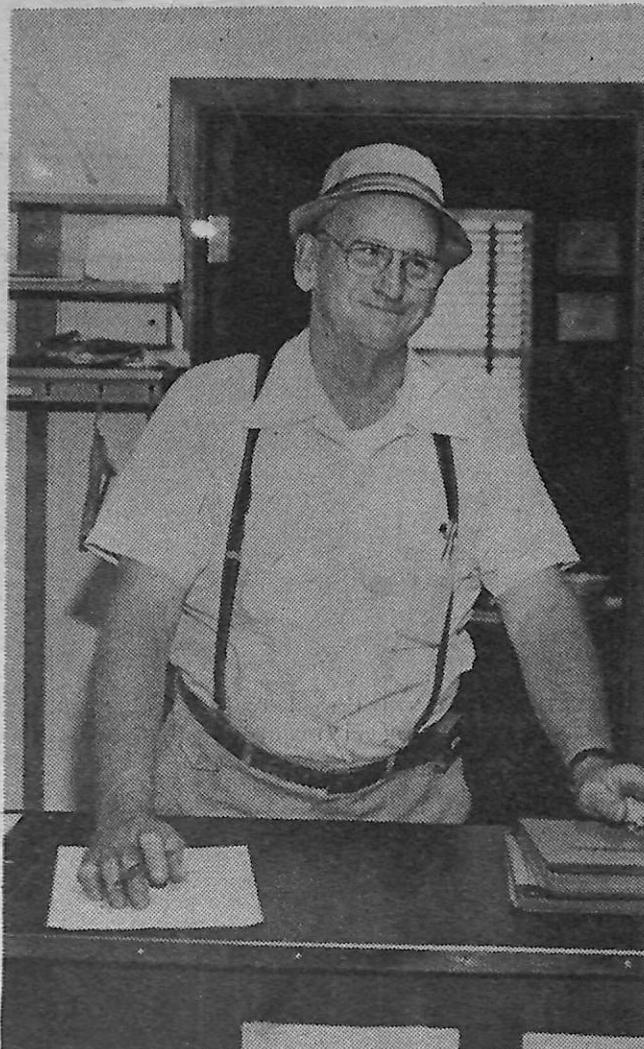
School Committee Chairperson Priscilla Deveno, who also spoke against the proposed regionalization, pointed out that there is only a fixed amount of monies available for regions, and the majority of School Committee members do not feel the monies will be enough to go around.

Mrs. Deveno questioned the credibility of the study committee and commended Mrs. Brown's inclusion of a withdrawal clause in the proposal.

Other Items Considered

Town meeting members unanimously voted a transfer of \$30,000 from the Water Department Surplus Account to the Water Department Transmission Line Construction Account. Funds will be used for equipment, salaries, and materials in the construction involved in running a pipe from the pump off Feeding Hills Road to the tank behind Bonny View Drive.

On a 106-46 vote, members tabled a proposal to prohibit the establishment of a nuclear dump site locally. The article had been presented as an addition to the zoning by-laws, and the Planning Board did not have an adequate report prepared for the meeting.



**SUFFIELD BUILDING INSPECTOR
BOB JOHNSON**

Photo by Jack Devine.

Wood-Burners Must Follow Regulations For Safety

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Residents of Suffield who plan to install a wood- or coal-burning stove, furnace or boiler should contact Bob Johnson, town building inspector. Prospective owners should see him at the Town Hall Annex and check out state and local laws in regard to clearance, insulation and material requirements.

Buying an approved wood stove, one with a label from a testing firm such as Underwriters' Laboratories, is essential, according to Johnson. Installing a woodburning stove without a building permit violates state law, and in case of a fire, could lead to many complications.

In the past month, seventeen permits have been issued. The state first required permits in 1976, and two were given that year. In the five years since, 280 permits have been granted. Johnson estimates there are twice as many stoves in town as he has issued permits for.

New this year is a \$5.00 charge for building permits.

Johnson feels most new wood-burning stoves are more efficient and safer than the older kinds, yet he stresses care in their use. Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore reports there have been five chimney fires already this fall. He recommended that chimneys be cleaned before use to remove creosote which may have accumulated since last use.

While wood stoves save the owners money because of lower heating bills, Johnson said people should have a lesson in how to run a stove if they're inexperienced.

A resident of Suffield for 46 years, a contractor for 30, and building inspector for almost seven, Johnson is licensed to install heating, plumbing, electrical and sanitary systems.

Treasurer Sworn In



LEW CANNON, recently re-elected as Suffield's Town Treasurer, was among town officials sworn in by Town Clerk Dorothy McCarty at ceremonies last Tuesday. Photo by Nancy Butler.

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Disaster Drill Gives Realistic Practice

By Connie Davis

Suffield: The Suffield Fire and Police Departments and the Ambulance Association held a realistic bus disaster drill on Colson Street on Sunday, October 25th. The exercise, judged to be successful, involved an old bus which Donald Prifti of Southwick towed to Suffield, tipped over, and later towed back.

Suffield bus driver Lorraine Fuller, local volunteer school children, and supporting units from Southwick and East Granby all participated.

Those responding acted as they would in a real emergency. Each group had specific tasks to perform. Having been notified that a school bus carrying 23 children had overturned, the police, fire and ambulance services went into action.

The two engine companies and rescue squad had as their first priority the protection of bus occupants. Possible hazards such as fuel spillage and downed electrical lines were taken into account.

Using power and hand tools, firefighters gained access to the inside of the bus and then worked with ambulance personnel to bring out the "victims." John Muska's job, categorizing the hurt according to the severity of their injuries, divided those needing immediate medical attention from those whose transportation and treatment could be delayed.

Backboards, including those improvised from bus seats, were used to remove the seriously injured. Some victims who needed only minor assistance in escaping the wreckage were brought to a patient collecting area.

A police officer directed ambulance parking and supervised patient loading. Southwick and East Granby crews transported patients to the simulated field hospital, which was West Suffield Congregational Church.

Lorraine Fuller expressed pride in the way Suffield students, ages 5 to 14, responded to the drill. She praised the way they remembered to do as they had been instructed during an orientation held the week before. Their presence was a constant reminder of the seriousness of the drill.

Disaster scene management requires planning, training and coordination of emergency personnel from different services. Both Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore and EMS Director Deborah Pohanka feel that personnel from Suffield, Southwick, and East Granby worked extremely well together.

Rich Anderson, ambulance administrator of the Southwick Fire Department, observed, "Suffield should be proud of two fine organizations' performances on October 25th. The complete operation was well-supervised and coordinated."

In a real emergency, Southwick ambulance would have assisted in transporting the injured to hospitals, and Southwick Fire Department would have been available.

Anderson added that the need to practice mass disaster drills was further emphasized two days prior to this simulation when a bus loaded with school children was actually involved in a serious collision in Southwick.

"That emergency was handled very smoothly because of participation in simulated emergencies prior to the real thing," Anderson declared.

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PREPARING TO HOSE DOWN SCHOOL BUS OVERTURNED in simulated accident is fireman Robert Sullivan. West Suffield bus driver Ken Holcomb, center, along with Lt. Steve Brockett and Lt. Stan Bialomyza, use the "accident" on Colson Street to gain valuable experience in the event such an incident actually occurs. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.



FIRE CAPT. GEORGE BELLMORE, front right, and Capt. Bob Kulas, behind, along with Cathryn Dion, EMT, front left, and Fire Cadet Steve Chapman carry a "victim" to improvised field hospital during Suffield's bus disaster drill. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.



SUFFIELD FIREFIGHTER TOM McCABE covers "victim" Judy Newhall lying next to "bus driver" Lorraine Fuller, both of whom were pretending to be injured in the staged accident. Fire Cadet Peter Das and Southwick Firefighters Richard Anderson and Matty Alaimo stand ready to offer services as needed. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

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RICH ANDERSON, left, chairman of the Ambulance & Rescue Committee of the Southwick Firemen's Assoc., accepts a \$2,000 check towards their ambulance fund drive from Fred Hepburn and Hasmig Ryer, members of the Southwick Grange. Photo by Walt Steinmetz

20-Week Club Winners

Southwick: The winners of the first drawing of the Twenty Week Club sponsored by the Southwick Band Parents are Laird Monahan of Southwick, \$50; Fred Crow of Granville, \$30; and Louise Gorham of Westfield, \$20.

Available for the next 19 weeks until March 19, 1982, the tickets may be purchased for a dollar each week or for a number of weeks in advance.

Any questions involving tickets or how the Twenty Week Club operates may be directed to Rita Sak at 569-6830, Carol Geryk at 569-3570, or Pat Antonucci at 569-3249.

Monies raised will be used for new uniforms, the exchange concert in spring, and Band C.R.A.S.H.

League Of Women Voters To Meet in W. Suffield

The League of Women Voters of North Central Connecticut will hold its November meeting at the home of Anne Borg, 1310 Mountain Road, West Suffield, on November 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Topics for the evening include an update on the state LWV convention and a review and update of the Connecticut General Assembly.

The public is welcome.

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Recent Activities At 2nd Congo Church

Suffield: The motto for the future at Second Congregational Church of Suffield (United Church of Christ) is A Face Lift; A Faith Lift, and it has truly begun. The church at 1408 Mountain Road is shining with new paint, and their Cradle Roll has grown to five with the addition of Aaron James Bunting, born on October 2nd.

The Junior Fellowship has adopted grandparents at the Bickford Nursing Home to help make the future brighter for those elderly.

A Stroke Club is being organized under the direction of Bill Lee, who is working to help those who find the results of a stroke difficult to understand. Possible location of the Prospect Hill Home is 96 Prospect Hill Road, East Windsor, 745-1603. This will be a mutual support club with social activities. Call Pastor Landry or Bill Lee for further information.

On November 18th and December 16th, soup kitchens will be offered for the elderly at the church.

Pastor Landry will lead worship services at the Enfield Home for convalescents on November 24th at 10:30 a.m. There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service at First Congregational Church on November 25th at 8 p.m. at which Pastor Landry will preach as well.

Bloodmobile Scheduled At Powder Mill School

Southwick: With the holidays coming, there is an increasing need for blood. A bloodmobile has been scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, at the Powder Mill School from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Walk-ins will be accepted.

This event is being sponsored by the Southwick Women's Club with Mary Kuarnstrom acting as chairman.

Women's Club To Travel To Quincy Market

Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club will be leaving December 2nd at 8:30 a.m. from St. Joseph's Church on South Main Street for Quincy Market in Boston.

Reservations for this trip must be paid for prior to November 28th. Seats cannot be held without payment. Price for members is \$8.50, and for non-members, \$9.50.

The bus will leave Boston to return home at 4 p.m. For more information, call or write Patsy Fehm, 879 Bridge Street, Suffield, (203) 668-2645.

Rotary Raffles Vacation \$\$

Suffield: The Rotary Club of Suffield is selling tickets to their \$1,000 vacation raffle with proceeds designated to benefit the Rotary Scholarship Fund. Only 250 tickets are being offered at \$10 each.

The drawing will be held at the Suffield Inn on December 22nd. The winner may choose the destination, and travel arrangements will be made through Gardner International Travel, Suffield. Winner need not be present at the drawing.

Tickets may be purchased from Rotarians or at Mark Drug, Mountain Road, and the Pilgrim Barber Shop in Suffield Village.

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Suffield Calendar Of Events

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Mon., Nov. 16: Film West Side Story, 7 p.m., library; Fire Drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse, Fire Comm., 7:30, East St. Fire Station; Social Services Comm., 7:30, Laurel Court; Zoning & Planning, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church Hall.

Tues., Nov. 17: Free blood pressure clinic, 1:30, Emergency Aid Assn. Bldg.; Rotary, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Troop 260, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's hall; Apollo Lodge, 7:30, Bridge St.; Conservation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Women's Guild of 2nd Baptist Church, 7:30, Church Hall.

Wed., Nov. 18: Thrift Shop [See Notice]; Senior Citizens' program, Maple Court, 10 a.m.; Recreation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall Annex.

Thurs., Nov. 19: Holy Name Soc. Bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall; Sacred Heart Guild Mtg., 7:30, St. Alphonsus College; Medicare Assistance Program, 9:30-11 a.m., Enfield Savings & Loan, Suffield Village.

Fri., Nov. 20: Suffield Historical Soc., 2nd Baptist Church; Private Lives, Mapleton Hall, 8 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 21: Registration for library's Holiday Craft Fair, grades K-5. Call library; Private Lives, Mapleton Hall, 8 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 22: Library open 1-4:30 p.m.

Thrift Shop Offers Sale

Suffield: Child and Family Services Thrift Shop at 35 Mountain Road, Suffield, will have a half-price sale starting November 18th and running through November 21st. All merchandise in the shop will be on sale.

The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kent Library Schedules West Side Story

Suffield: The box office sensation *West Side Story* will be the next film in the Kent Memorial Library's film series The Musicals.

Winner of numerous Academy Awards, *West Side Story* will be shown on Monday, November 16th, at 7 p.m. It is a modern-day version of Romeo and Juliet told, sung and danced on the streets of New York.

Admission is free. For more information, call (203) 668-2325.

Film Slated For Seniors

The film *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* will be shown in the next program of the library's bi-weekly series for senior citizens. The superb drama starring Cicely Tyson will be shown on Wednesday, November 18th, at 10 a.m. at the West Suffield Congregational Church. At the conclusion of the film, the Recreation Department will offer a luncheon.

Both film and lunch are open, and the film is free. Minibus transportation to the church is available.

Suffield Historical Society Plans Meeting On Horses

The Suffield Historical Society will meet on Friday, November 18th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Guest speakers Ruth Hummel and Melvin Schneidermayer from Plainville, Connecticut, will present a talk and slides on the horse, its importance in our history, and its use today.

Hostess for the evening will be Mrs. W.G. Adams.

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Critics Choice

By Diana Willard

I have always been impressed with the quality of work done by the Suffield Players. Their current production of Noel Coward's *Private Lives* is no exception.

Coward's work has often been criticized as "light," "fluffy," or "thin." While I can't argue that *Private Lives* offers a moral message or deals with a great social problem, it is full of insights into human nature. That makes it, in my mind, more than simple entertainment.

The cast is small, five in all. They are a delightful blend of contrasts.

The principal characters are Elyot Chase and his ex-wife Amanda Prynne. Each has remarried and is honeymooning with their new mate - at the same French resort! Their chance meeting rekindles old fires and the two run away to Paris leaving only a note for their respective spouses.

Lyle Parsons and Linda Kelley complement each other beautifully in the lead roles. They emanate an aura of sophistication, worldliness and passion combined with more than a touch of free spirit which makes their pairing off seem inevitable and right.

Even the sparks which fly as a result of their volatile natures are presented as an integral part of their tempestuous relationship.

Diane Novack and Bill Corsair as the abandoned husband and wife are equally impressive. Ms. Novak plays Sybil with a touch of childlessness that makes her irritating, yet deserving of our sympathy.

I found Bill Corsair's Victor the most endearing character on stage. He is bewildered and hurt, yet possesses such a good heart that he shines as a tribute to human nature.

Kit McCarty makes a brief appearance as the French maid Louise and demonstrates pure comedy. Even those in the audience with no knowledge of French had a good idea of what she was saying!

My only negative criticism deals with the set in Act I. The action takes place on the hotel balcony. The balcony railing was both aesthetic and functional. Director Waldo Goodermote utilized it for maximum effect, often having his actors directly facing the audience. However, once the actors moved upstage sight-lines were sometimes blocked by the railing.

Most annoying were the large floral arrangements at either end. Due to these beautiful yet obstructive bouquets, my entire table did not see the facial expressions during Elyot's and Amanda's first encounter. The set was changed for Acts II and III, and the problem was eliminated.

Private Lives is an excellent choice for an evening of theater. The show will play at Mapleton Hall, Suffield, every Friday and Saturday through November. Curtain is at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained by calling (203) 623-4483.

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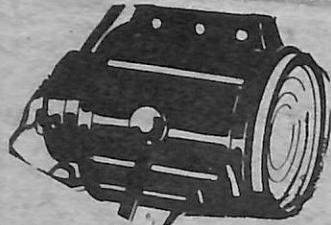


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SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

Southwick Senior Citizens' Menus

Mon., Nov. 16: Stuffed cabbage, whipped potato, wax beans, pineapple chunks

Tues., Nov. 17: Beef vegetable stew, tomato juice, tossed salad, chocolate pudding

Wed., Nov. 18: Baked chicken, oven browned potato, peas & carrots, cranberry sauce, fresh apple

Thurs., Nov. 19: American chop suey, green beans, chicken noodle soup, canned pears

Fri., Nov. 20: Cod fillet, peas, rice, peach cobbler.

On November 9th, a senior meeting was held with many in attendance. All money for the Christmas party must be in by December 2nd. Cost is \$3.50 for members in good standing; that is, those who have paid their dues three months prior to the Christmas party.

The Tuesday knitting class is making afghans and winter hats. The Wednesday quilting class is making calico cat doorstops, log cabin pocketbooks, and appliqued pillows.

Thursday's ceramics class in Westfield is making clocks and fruit bowls. Friday's beading class is making Christmas wreaths of beads and picture frames.

Monday, November 16th, will be the date for the Council on Aging meeting set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Please note the change to a Monday night instead of the usual Tuesday.

On Wednesday, November 18th, Blood Pressure Day hours will be from 12:45 to 2:45. Note the change in previously scheduled times.

Lillian Wysocki, a past member of our club, is in the Westfield Manor Nursing Home and is lonely for visitors and cards. She is much better.



94-YEAR OLD HAROLD HASTINGS of Suffield performed on the organ at the annual dinner held All Saints Day at United Methodist Church, Southwick. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Lucy Benoit is still in the Providence Hospital, having had two operations on her knee. She would like to hear from friends.

NOTICE: There will be a November Birthday Party held at the center on November 17th. Southwick senior residents are invited to come out and visit to enjoy birthdays of friends and neighbors. The center is at 134 Point Grove Road and the party will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

There are a few fuel assistance papers at the center for those who need help with oil bills. Personnel there can give you help in filling them out.

Suffield Sr. Citizens' Activities

Monday - 10:00 A.M. - "Body Shop" - Bridge St. School

Monday - 1:00 P.M. - "The Gathering" - Arts And Crafts Activity

Tuesday - 9:00 A.M. - Bowling - Bradley Bowl Windsor Locks (\$1.80 - 3 Games and shoes)

Tuesday - 1:00 P.M. - Dough Makers - Maple Court

Wednesday - 10:00 A.M. - Kent Memorial Library Film Program

Wednesday - 12:00 noon - Soup Kitchen (Reservations 668-0238)
(Both Wednesday programs will be held at West Suffield Congregational Church.)

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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott

November 16-20 is American Education Week, and this week's Scrapbook highlights an outstanding educator.

Mrs. Juanita Pelka has taught in the Southwick School System for twenty years and is described by co-workers and students alike as giving far more than her job requires.

"Nita's" classroom is room 119 of the high school. Besides teaching reading to students who require extra tutoring and help with assignments, she offers the kind of help and encouragement which makes this room one of the most popular in the school.

As Mrs. Connie Charest, a business teacher, said, "Nita can teach everything from crafts, sewing, crocheting, knitting to algebra, accounting, history and English."

Southwick High students use words like "warm-hearted," "caring," "loving," and "honest" to describe Nita. One girl even refers to her as the mother she never had.

Nita was born in Addison, Maine, and her earliest memories are of living five miles out in the ocean where her father was a lighthouse keeper. Mail and supplies arrived by boat once a month at their tiny island, and during the school months, she, her sisters, and her brother would have to live on shore with an aunt.

Nita came to Massachusetts in 1943 to work at the Springfield Armory during the war. She was transferred to Bradley Field, where she met and married Charles Pelka.

Nita taught for a short time before stopping to raise two daughters, Marie and Teresa. She returned to teaching in 1962 on the fourth grade level and then taught at the junior high until the new Southwick High School opened ten years ago. She has been the reading instructor since.

Her credentials include a bachelor's degree from American International College, a master's from Westfield State, and reading instructor certification from the University of Hartford.

Some of the improvements in education Nita notes are specialization of teachers in subject areas and the vast amount of educational materials available to

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LONGTIME SOUTHWICK TEACHER Juanita Pelka is often seen helping students as she is doing here with Tina Gourley. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

students and teachers.

Many students after graduation keep in contact with Nita. She has three albums filled with photos of former students and their families. She has been invited to dozens of weddings, christenings and birthday parties from students who want to keep her in their lives.

Nita's personal interests include crafts and sewing. She has done professional sewing for years, making wedding gowns, draperies, and alterations of all kinds. She also belongs to a pen pal network which includes over 100 people around the world.

A trip to Australia three years ago was an experience that she and Charles enjoyed very much. They spent a month touring and visiting their daughter, who lives there. Nita has prepared a slide show program of the trip and is happy to share it with any group.

To summarize Nita's contribution to education, Paul Meagher, acting principal of the high school, notes, "I know of several students who might not have graduated from Southwick High School without the assistance given them by Mrs. Pelka."

Meagher adds that her excellent relationship with students has also extended to teachers on staff. "She is constantly being sought after for help and advise by students and teachers alike."

Thank you for caring, Nita.

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The most visible function performed by the FDIC and FSLIC is to insure the safety of deposits at member banks. As agencies of the United States government, they stand behind member banks with an assurance of safety that no bank could attain alone. If a member bank becomes insolvent, the FDIC or FSLIC will repay depositors up to the insured maximum of \$100,000.

The FDIC and FSLIC are rarely called upon to pay deposit insurance; however, because they constantly monitor the financial stability of member banks. Annual audit examinations are conducted at all member banks to determine the adequacy of income, capital, management ability, and compliance with banking laws.

If these audit examinations determine any serious problems, the FDIC or FSLIC will require immediate corrective action from the bank's management.

Should the bank's financial condition deteriorate further, the FDIC or FSLIC has the power to close the bank and liquidate its assets or to merge the weak bank with a stronger one. Merging is always preferable because the FDIC or FSLIC will not have to pay deposit insurance if the bank continues to operate and customers will not lose the convenience of their current banking relationship.

The FDIC and FSLIC also perform the necessary function of interpreting the laws passed by Congress for member banks. At first blush, this would seem like a simple task, but each year Congress passes hundreds of laws affecting banks. Interpretation of these laws can hinge on a single word or sentence.

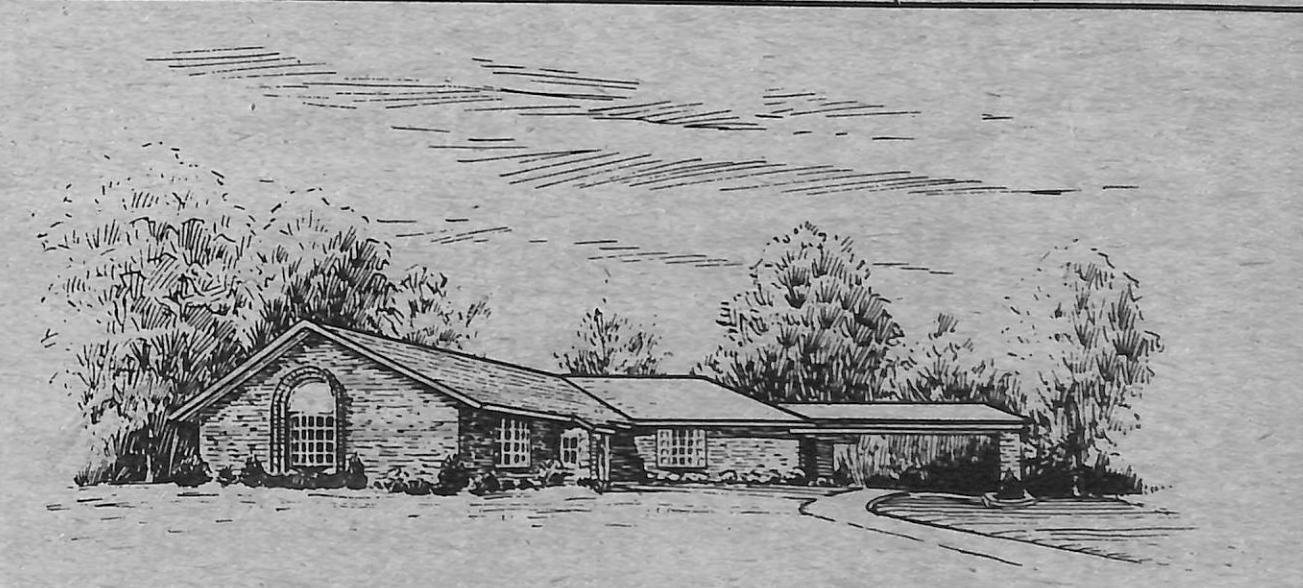
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School News



BUDGING NUTRITIONISTS at West Suffield School are Rachael McCormick, coring an apple, Jake Baker, and partially hidden, Lori Beneski. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Nutrition Education Builds Healthy Kids

By Lil Devin

All children at West Suffield School take part in a nutrition program coordinated by instructor Debbie Coulter. According to Miss Coulter, the program began at the school in 1978, and its purpose is to teach children to choose foods wisely.

The nutrition program is operated throughout the school year and consists of five units. Each unit covers a different nutritional aspect and includes lessons on dairy foods, breakfast, snacks, and fruits.

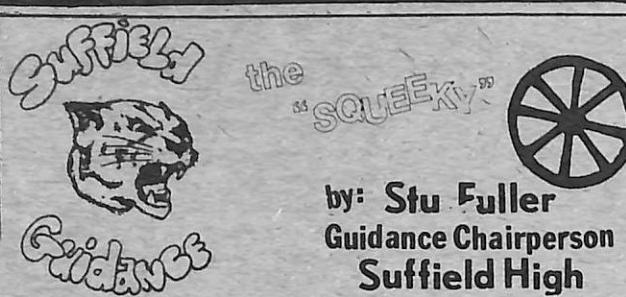
Each day, three children work together in the kitchen with a teacher aide and later serve the completed dish to their peers. Every child at the school participates in each unit of the program. Miss Coulter says, "It's real for them. It's hands-on learning."

The program is a team effort since every teacher reinforces nutrition in his/her classroom. In addition to learning to work together and read recipes, comprehension skills are also strengthened. Classroom follow-up is found in math, writing, art and music classes. Science and social studies classes stress community interdependence for the food we all eat.

The parent-teacher organization funds the nutrition program and supplies the school with utensils and dishes. Miss Coulter finds the PTO very supportive and interested in the program. Also, parents originally joined forces to build the cabinets and counters used by the students.

The nutrition program has apparently been operating with impressive results as Miss Coulter has noticed a difference in the food children bring to school. She also says that parents are surprised and pleased that their children are gaining knowledge about good nutrition since they began participating in the school's nutritional education program.

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Suffield High's own third annual Homecoming is planned for November 25th. According to Mrs. Anderson, originator of the concept, approximately 150 graduates presently attending college were directly invited to return to SHS, visit classes, and share their experiences. Informally, we'd like to extend this invitation to other graduates who might be interested in renewing friendships and sharing their thoughts.

If you are presently in a college or post-secondary training program of any kind and would like to take part in the Homecoming, please call the Guidance Office at 668-7015. The program has received positive feedback from past graduates and, hopefully, will be worthwhile for all students involved. Besides that, we'd love to see you!

This coming Tuesday, plans are underway for a Suffield Career Day. Under the leadership of Dr. David Johnson and Richard Davis and the Suffield Rotary Club, numerous speakers from various vocations will discuss their careers with students. Students have previously selected areas they are interested in and, insofar as possible, they will be matched with the guest speakers.

An insurance agent, a banker, a pilot, a medical doctor, a veterinarian, a police officer, and an oceanographer are just a few of the nearly fifty guests scheduled to appear.

Thursday, November 19th, there will be a parent orientation at the high school from 6:30-9:00 p.m. This is a chance for folks to meet teachers, and, if necessary, schedule a meeting to further discuss a student's performance. Report cards for the first quarter will hopefully be distributed no later than Tuesday.

Congratulations go to Susan Coatti as the most recent addition to the college acceptance list. Sue has been accepted to New Hampshire College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Coatti, 948 Russell Avenue.

A reminder especially to Juniors and Seniors - take advantage of the opportunity to meet the college representatives who come to the school. It will not only give you an opportunity to see what a particular school has to offer, but will give you a taste of what to expect in a college interview.

WORDS OF WISDOM/DATES TO REMEMBER
Nov. 15: Financial Aid Seminar at Asnuntuck: 1-4 p.m.
Nov. 16: Stetson U., Fla., 8:30; Northeastern U., 10 a.m.
Nov. 17: Merrimack College, Andover, MA, 8 a.m.; Flagler College, Fla., 8:30; Suffield High Career Meetings, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Nov. 18: Nasson College, 9:30; Hartford Hospital, School of Allied Health, 11:30
Nov. 19: Parent Orientation at SHS, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Nov. 20: U of Maine, 8 a.m.

Conference At McAlister

Suffield: Anthony Kula, principal of McAlister Middle School, Suffield, has announced that parent conferences will be held at the school on Tuesday afternoon and evening, November 17th, and on Wednesday afternoon, November 18th.

Parents are requested to call the school to make appointments. Report cards will be distributed soon.

Suffield Lunch Menus

Mon., Nov. 16: Hamburger in roll, cheese potatoes, lettuce & carrot salad, raspberry gelatin or fruit, milk

Tues., Nov. 17: Shells w/meat sauce, hot French bread, green beans, McIntosh apple, milk

Wed., Nov. 18: Salad Bar w/cinnamon bread at McAlister, Spaulding, Bridge, and West Meat ball grinder, potato puffs, fruit cup at high school.

Thurs., Nov. 19: THANKSGIVING DINNER: turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, pumpkin cake, milk.

Fri., Nov. 20: Tacos w/lettuce & tomatoes, steamed brown rice, vegetable salad, orange wedges, milk



WISHING BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES to West Suffield School cook Helen Adams are Stephen Messenger, Jeffrey Baker, partially hidden, Angela DiTommaso, and John Condon. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Birthday Best Ever!

By Lil Devin

For the past three years, Helen Adams, cook-manager of the West Suffield School cafeteria, has been joined by the students and staff in celebrating her November 7th birthday. Mrs. Adams was honored last Friday with a cake, a birthday present, and cards from the students.

Mrs. Adams has worked in the Suffield school system for 25 years, the last 15 of which she has spent at West Suffield School. She not only knows the children, but also knows each child's food preferences. Her overall attitude creates a warm, family-like atmosphere at the school cafeteria.

After working with different age groups, Mrs. Adams claims to enjoy the younger children most.

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Southwick Guidance Report

By Bernard Hagan

For fifty years, the National Honor Society has worked to bring accomplishments of outstanding high school students to the attention of their classmates, their parents, their communities, and the colleges they plan to attend. Chapters in nearly 14,500 secondary schools continue to strive to give practical meaning to the society's dedication to character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

The name of Southwick High School's chapter is called Anabasis, which means to move ahead or advance. The object of this chapter is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Southwick High.

Active members manage the school store, sponsor the King-of-the-Hill Basketball game (which donates all of the proceeds for scholarships) tutor, hold alumni day for past graduates, and also induct and treat new members to a dinner.

New candidates shall have spent at least one semester in Southwick High School and be a member of the senior class. They must have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 and this scholastic level of achievement must remain fixed. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.

Last May, the Anabasis Chapter of Southwick High School inducted fifteen new members. Officers are Daniel English, president; Christina Camara, vice president; Lori Cross, secretary; William Anderson, treasurer.

Other members are Mark Beckman, John Camisa, Theodore Ferrazano, James Johnson, Mary Knight, Alicia LaBrecque, Karl Mailman, Michele Sak, Elizabeth Morrill, Hilary Bates, and Mark Neilson. Advisor to the Bernard R. Hagan.



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Southwick High Schedules Open House For Parents

Southwick High School will hold an open house on Wednesday, November 18th, at 7:15 p.m. Parents attending will receive a copy of their son or daughter's schedule to follow during the course of the evening. Students will also be working in several areas that reflect realistic classroom activities.

Parents are also encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to visit as many areas as possible, including shops, music room and computer terminal in the Guidance Office.

Any parent desiring a personal conference with any member of the staff is encouraged to make arrangements to do so at a future date.

Powder Mill Students Receive Test Results

Southwick: Students at Powder Mill School are currently receiving results of the Science Research Associates Test Battery, a series of tests taken a short while ago.

The S.R.A. Test Survey was given to help measure each child's educational growth. These test results enable teachers, parents, and students to see in which areas educational strengths and weaknesses lie.

The Guidance Office at Powder Mill School, according to George LeBlanc, guidance counselor, is normally open from 7:30 until 3:30 each day. In addition, during the week of November 16-20, the office will also be open Monday and Wednesday evenings for parent conferences by appointment only.

Parents are encouraged to call LeBlanc at 569-5951 for an appointment regarding these matters or any other educational concern.

Spaulding School Plans Craft-Tag Sale

Suffield: The Spaulding School PTO will sponsor a crafts-tag-bake sale on December 4th from 6 to 9 p.m. and on December 5th from 10 to 4 o'clock at the school on Mountain Road.

In addition to many craftsmen's booths including stained glass, knitted items, macrame, plants, and quilted articles, there will be many special events, including a raffle and door prizes. Light refreshments will be available both days, and lunches on Saturday.

Those donating to the bake sale portion of the fair will be entered in a special drawing for "thank you" prizes.

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Thurs., Nov. 19: THANKSGIVING DINNER: cranberry juice, roast turkey w/gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, rolls, butter, apple square, raisin-nut cup, milk
Fri., Nov. 20: Pepperoni-cheese pizza, Popeye salad, fruit, milk

WOODLAND SCHOOL

Monday: Same
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, bologna-cheese sandwich, carrot & celery sticks, fruited jello, milk
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Thursday: Same
Friday: English muffin pizza w/meat sauce & cheese, Popeye salad, fruit, milk.

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Sports/Recreation

Soccer Rams Knocked Out Of Tourney Semi-Finals

By Chris Hout

Southwick: The Falcons of Smith Academy advanced into the semi-finals of the W.Mass. soccer tournament by knocking off previous champion Southwick 3-2 last Wednesday.

The Rams, who have been in the finals for the past four years and have won twice, found themselves fighting back from one- and two-goal deficits throughout the entire contest.

"Smith Academy has a real strong team," said Southwick Coach Bob Dvorchak. "I look to them to make it to the finals."

Chris Miller got his team off to a flying start when the Falcon forward blasted a hard, low shot past Southwick netminder Jim Porter. From there on in, the Falcons never looked back.

Rick Wolos gave Smith Academy a two-goal lead midway through the second quarter, but Southwick's Butch Mitchell cut the deficit to one with a tally at the 17.05 mark of the same session.

"I thought Mitchell's goal just before the half would really lift our guys," said Dvorchak. "We battled them to the end; they're a tough bunch."

Don Wilkes pushed Smith Academy into the driver's seat once again early in the third stanza, blowing one past Porter for what turned out to be the gamewinner. Butch Mitchell brought his Rams within striking distance as he scored with nine minutes remaining, but it was too little too late for the Southwick side.

Dvorchak said, "It's been a successful season, but in other ways, it hasn't been successful. The two games we lost this year meant everything. The loss to St. Mary's cost us the divisional title and the loss to Smith Academy cost us a chance of repeating as W.Mass champs."

For Southwick, it's wait until next year. The Rams bow out of the 1981 season with a record of 12-2-1.

Smith Academy will now meet Lee in the semi-finals at Lee High School. The Falcons will be carrying a record of 14-1-1 into that contest.

"Lack of bench strength really hurt us this season," Dvorchak said. "I think if we had a lot more depth we would still be playing. But for some unknown reason, the turnout for soccer was terrible this year."

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Field Hockey Championship Eludes Rams Again

By Chris Hout

Southwick: The prestigious W.Mass field hockey championship has eluded the Southwick Rams for the second straight season.

Defeated by Frontier Regional in last year's tourney final, the Rams were once again denied the championship, this time at the hands of the South Hadley Tigers last Wednesday at Smith College in Northampton. Final score was 3-0.

Senior Sue Raszewski's goal 21 minutes into the first half broke up a scoreless duel between goaltenders Robin Schools of Southwick and South Hadley's Ann Kraske.

Both teams had numerous scoring chances early in the game, but the respective netminders held their own until the Raszewski tally with nine minutes remaining in the first session.

"That goal took our momentum right away from us," said Southwick Coach Sheila Bewsee. "But at that point, we were still very confident."

Some five minutes after the Raszewski score, the Tigers went two-up as Margaret Bustamonte whistled a high, hard wrist shot past the shell-shocked Robin Schools.

At that point, it appeared over. Southwick was now two goals down with one half left to play. With the

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If you notice a blister (you'll probably feel it before you see it), resist the urge to break it. If you "pop" the blister, you will

kind of performance Kraske was turning in as South Hadley's goalie, it would have been understandable if the Rams had boarded their bus and headed home.

South Hadley swarmed the Southwick zone for the entire second half, and with time elapsing, it became more apparent with every Tiger shot that the Rams had indeed been denied.

The final nail was driven into the Southwick coffin at the 27-minute mark of the last half. Chris Kolcott converted linemate Sue Raszewski's centering pass and drilled it past Schools, giving the underdog Tigers a substantial three-goal lead. The partisan South Hadley crowd then went into a near frenzy sensing victory.

"What can I say? We played our hearts out," said a dejected Bewsee. "Each and every one of my girls played her absolute best all season. I am extremely proud of them; they gave 200% today."

Southwick's season ends at 17-1. South Hadley finishes the '81 campaign at 15-1-1, having won their last 14 games.

"We just didn't play our type of game," said Southwick right wing Karen Schulz. "Last year, we were nervous against Frontier. This year, we were really confident, but we didn't play our game. It's as simple as that."

leave the raw skin underneath exposed and prone to infection. It will also be painful to the touch and to the shoe.

To care for a blister properly, cleanse the affected area with warm water and mild soap. Treat with an application of a small amount of first aid cream or topical antibiotic ointment. Cover the area with a non-stick sterile pad and secure with a first aid tape. For a small blister, use a Band-Aid. This process en-

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Writer Speaks Out....

The Aftermath Of An Upset

By Chris Hout

As you all know, the only sure things in life are taxes and death.

In the wonderful world of sports nothing is "sure", and that's for certain. The South Hadley Tigers proved that theory last Wednesday by upsetting the Southwick Rams in the W. Mass tourney final, 3-0.

The Rams, who were undefeated at 17-0 prior to the contest, were dubbed as the "sure" team. South Hadley's Tigers were tagged with the nickname of underdog.

The high-flying Rams, in quest of that elusive W. Mass title, couldn't miss, not with Karen Schulz, Robin Schools, Kim Florek, Donna Griffin, to name a few. Southwick was through playing the role of bridesmaid.

As the game progressed, it was apparent that the favored Rams were in for the fight of their lives. South Hadley was obviously taking a back seat in talent, but, as you all know, the game is not played on paper, but on the playing surface itself.

The hustling Tigers paid no attention to all the pre-game media hype, refusing to be intimidated by the awesome Southwick squad, who had mauled just about everyone in their path to the title game.

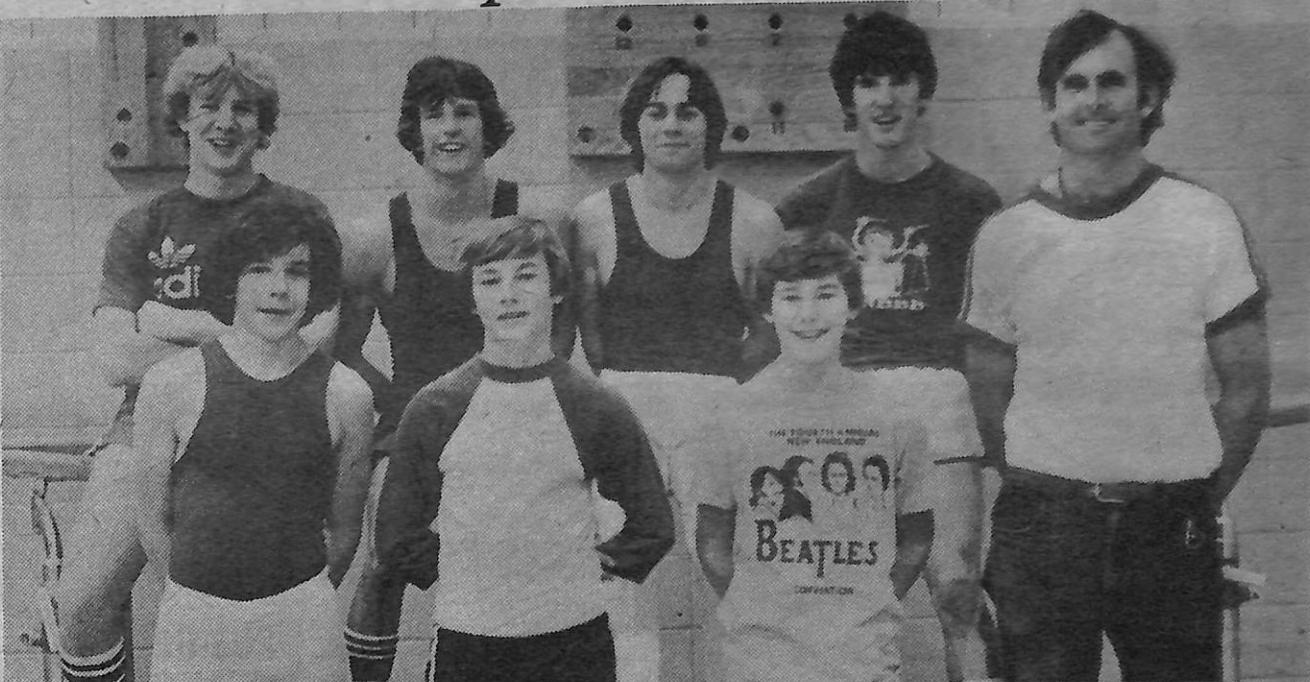
The two opponents battled for 60 minutes, like two leopards face to face on opposite sides of a shield. Both sides were physically drained, totally exhausted from this annual affair.

The final whistle echoed through the air, signalling the end of the 1981 season and the end of this intense duel between two of the best teams in this part of the state.

As the underdog Tigers swarmed one another in jubilation of the prodigious and overwhelming, not to mention surprising victory, the Southwick gals could be seen in a state of perplexity, confused and somewhat bewildered.

It's unfortunate that there has to be a loser in a battle of this magnitude, but South Hadley deserves to be the champions; they fought hard, played well and soundly and thoroughly thrashed the best field hockey team in Western Mass.

Suffield Gymnasts Win NCCC



SUFFIELD BOYS GYMNASTICS SQUAD, which recently won the NCCC Championship, are as follows: Front row, left to right, Mark Sullivan, Carl Casinghino, Brian Casinghino, and Coach Chuck Thompson. Back row, Kenny Mather, Co-Capt. Mike Milligan, Co-Capt. Jack Rollet, and Bob Heyse. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Undefeated Season For Soccer Wildcats

By Rick McCarty

Suffield: By virtue of a 2-1 victory over the South Windsor Bobcats, Suffield High's soccer Wildcats became the first team in school history since 1960 to go undefeated throughout the entire season. The victory also marked the first time Suffield has beaten South Windsor since the two schools began competition in the mid-seventies.

Riding on first-half goals by junior Jim Ruggerio and senior John Gallart, the Wildcats thwarted many South Windsor advances throughout the game.

By controlling most of the remaining twenty minutes of the game, South had its best chance with about 17 minutes left. John Patrick received a Brian McAndres

pass and scored to bring the scoreboard up to 2-1, Suffield.

Facing elimination from the state tournament unless they won or tied, the Bobcats had an excellent opportunity when a shot caromed off the crossbar. However, an alert Suffield netminder Steve Quagliaroli got his arm on the rebound and batted the shot out of bounds.

Despite the South Windsor control near the end of the game, Suffield Coach Tom Ferreri was pleased with the play of his Wildcats.

"I felt we kept our poise even when they started unloading. Steve (Quagliaroli) played a great game in goal, and our defense did their usual fine job," Ferreri commented after the game.

When the rankings came out on Sunday to announce the state tourney slate, the Suffield Wildcats were ranked number one in the Class M Division. They were also chosen as the eighth best team in the state.

In the tournament, the Wildcats will face perennial powerhouses, such as Windsor Locks, Farmington, Avon, and Valley Regional as well as many other fine teams.

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